

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>Applicant:</b> Abraham R. MATTHEWS et al. App. No.: 09/661,130 Filed: September 13, 2000 For: DISTRIBUTED VIRTUAL SYSTEM TO SUPPORT MANAGED, NETWORK- BASED SERVICES (as amended)	<b>Examiner:</b> MANIWANG, Joseph Group Art Unit: 2144 Conf. No.: 7711 Docket No.: FORT-000300
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendment and to consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.